

Table 2 Score of essential and less essential items of structure of diabetes care in 3 diabetes centres in Alexandria

Item	Score		
	Abu-Qir Hospital	Farouk Hospital	Ras El-Ten Hospital
<i>Essential^a</i>			
Effective referral system	2	2	2
Coordination with district hospital diabetes clinic	2	2	2
Health education materials	0	0	0
Direct access to eye specialist	2	2	2
Internal quality assurance system in the practice	0	0	0
Blood sugar measurement	0	0	0
Urine protein measurement	0	0	0
Essential drugs for diabetes	1	1	1
≥ 1 doctor in practice has special interest in diabetes	2	2	2
Diabetes follow up cards	0	0	0
Diabetes register	2	2	2
Appointment system	0	0	0
System for recall of defaulters	0	0	0
Total (26 points)	11	11	11
<i>Less-essential^b</i>			
Mini diabetes clinic	0	0	0
Specialist diabetes nurse	0	0	0
Direct access to chiroprapist	0	0	0
Direct access to dietitian	0	1	1
Direct access to hospital laboratory	1	1	1
Funduscopy in the practice	1	1	1
Glycosylated haemoglobin measurement	0	0	0
Cholesterol measurements	1	1	1
ECG in the practice	1	1	1
Diabetes identity cards	0	0	0
Total (10 points)	4	5	5

^a2 = available all the time; 1 = available sometimes; 0 = not available.

^b1 = available; 0 = not available.